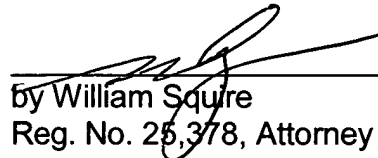


REMARKS

Claims 1- 13 are active. Claims 11 is new. The claims are amended in the interest of eliminating improper multiple dependencies and to improve the form of the claims with respect to formal matters. The new claim corresponds to the canceled improper multiple dependent claim 10.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

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VERSION SHOWING THE CHANGES TO THE CLAIMS

1. **[Currently amended]** A liquid crystal display element comprising:

a pair of substrates arranged parallel to each other;

first and second transparent electrodes, the first electrode being formed on one substrate and the second electrode being formed on the other substrate of the pair, the electrodes having predetermined patterns formed on the said respective substrates and forming a display area;

vertical orienting perpendicularly oriented membranes respectively formed on the said transparent electrodes; and

a liquid crystal layer consisting of the liquid crystal molecules sandwiched by the said substrates, wherein:

the pair of said substrates being are arranged such that the respective first and second transparent electrodes face each other;

a series of nearly rectangular slits are formed on the said respective first and second transparent electrodes by removing portions of the said electrodes in a the display area formed by the said electrodes; and

the series of the said slits on the first of the one and other transparent electrodes are alternately arranged with respect to the series of slits on the facing second electrode in a normal direction to a longitudinal direction of the series of the said slits, when the said substrates are viewed perpendicular to the substrates vertically.

2. **[Original]** The liquid crystal display element according to claim 1, wherein: a width of said slits in the normal direction to the longitudinal direction of said slits is set more than 10 μ m, but less than 30 μ m.

3. **[Original]**The liquid crystal display element according to claim 1, wherein: a width of said slits in the normal direction to the longitudinal direction of said slits is set 2.5 times more than a thickness of said liquid crystal layer.

4. **[Currently amended]**The liquid crystal display element according to claim 1, wherein: a horizontal distance in a direction parallel to the substrates between two neighboring alternately arranged slits in the normal direction to the longitudinal direction of the said slits is set more than 10 μ m, but less than 60 μ m.

5. **[Currently amended]**The liquid crystal display element according to claim 1, wherein: a horizontal distance in a direction parallel to the substrates between two neighboring alternately arranged slits in the normal direction to the longitudinal direction of the said slits is set more than the width of the said slits, but less than 60 μ m.

6. **[Currently amended]**The liquid crystal display element according to one of claims 1 to 5, wherein: said display area is a segment display type area.

7. **[Currently amended]**The liquid crystal display element according to one of claims 1 to 5, wherein: said display area is a dot-matrix display type area driven by a simple matrix driving method.

8. **[Currently amended]**The liquid crystal display element according to one of claims 1 to 5, wherein: the said display area is a an area comprising a combined a segment display type area and a dot-matrix display type area driven by a simple matrix driving method.

9. **[Currently amended]** The liquid crystal display element according to one of claims 1 to 5, wherein: the said display area is a dot-matrix display type area driven by an active matrix.

10. **[Currently amended]** The liquid crystal display element according to claim 7 ~~or claim 8~~, wherein: slits at both ends of a ~~one~~ dot in a normal direction to the longitudinal direction of said slits are formed on the electrode arranged normal to the longitudinal direction of said slits.

11. **[Original]** The liquid crystal display element according to claim 9, wherein: outermost slits in the normal direction to the longitudinal direction of said slits are formed on a common electrode facing a certain pixel electrode.

12. **[Currently amended]** The liquid crystal display element according to claim 1, wherein: at least one of the said slits is divided into a plurality of slits in the longitudinal direction of ~~said~~ the one slit.

13. **[New]** The liquid crystal display element according to claim 8 wherein: slits at both ends of a dot in a normal direction to the longitudinal direction of said slits are formed on the electrode arranged normal to the longitudinal direction of said slits.